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L E T T E R

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING,

In response to Senate resolution of January 30, 1888, information relative to public lands in Nebraska.

FEBRUARY 14, 1888.—Ordered to be printed and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, February 10, 1888.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Senate resolution of January 30, 1888, as follows:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, directed to inform the Senate—

First. The original number of acres of public land in the State of Nebraska.

Second. The number of acres thereof surveyed, the number of acres thereof sold, and the amount received therefor, up to June 30, 1887.

Third. The number of acres of public lands in said State contained, originally, and June 30, 1887, in Indian reservations, the number of acres contained in said reservations sold, and the amount received therefor, and whether the State has been allowed 5 per cent. of the proceeds of such sales; the number of acres of public land in said State contained, originally, and June 30, 1887, in military reservations, the number of acres thereof sold and the amount received therefor, and whether the said State has been allowed 5 per cent. of the proceeds of such sales.

Fourth. The number of acres of public land in said State of Nebraska located with military land warrants up to June 30, 1887, and whether the said State has been allowed and paid 5 per cent. on the value of said lands so located, and the amount paid on that account.

In response to the resolution, I inclose herewith copy of report from the Acting Commissioner of the General Land Office, dated the 7th instant, giving the desired information.

Very respectfully,

H. L. MULDROW,
Acting Secretary.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE PRO TEMPORE.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
GENERAL LAND OFFICE,
Washington, D. C., February 7, 1888.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, by your reference, for report, of a resolution of the United States Senate, dated January 30, 1888, requesting certain information relative to the public lands in

the State of Nebraska, and in reply thereto have deemed it best to answer the inquiries seriatim.

First. The total number of acres in the Territory and State of Nebraska is 47,077,359.

Second. The area surveyed to June 30, 1887, was 46,989,039 acres, of which there were disposed of from date of the organization as a Territory to February 28, 1867, 1,066,096.73 acres, and the amount received therefrom, \$339,542.35.

From the date of the admission of Nebraska, March 1, 1867, to June 30, 1887, the area disposed of was 26,545,123.55 acres, and the amount received therefrom was \$8,521,519.78, and the total disposals in the Territory and State were 27,611,220.28 acres, and the total receipts \$8,861,062.13.

Third. The area of original Indian reservations was 878,229.04 acres, and the area of existing reservations on June 30, 1887, was estimated to be 314,650.91 acres.

The area disposed of was 563,578.13 acres, for which there has been received the sum of \$1,920,187.06.

Of this amount the State has been allowed and paid \$27,043.99, being 5 per cent. upon \$540,879.75 of the net proceeds received from the sales of Pawnee Indian lands.

The area of military reservations in Nebraska at the date of admission embraced 80,328 acres, the greater portion of which has been restored to the public domain, but additional reservations have been set apart, so that the total area of military reservations in Nebraska, June 30, 1887, was 81,387.62 acres.

The proceeds of the portion of the original reservations sold are included in the cash sales of public lands for which the State has received the 5 per cent.

Fourth. The area embraced in the location of military bounty land warrants in Nebraska to June 30, 1887, was 1,951,836.48 acres, as appears from statements compiled and on record in this office.

Upon the value of the lands so located no allowance of the 5 per cent. to the State has been made.

The resolution of the Senate is herewith returned.

Very respectfully,

S. M. STOCKSLAGER,
Acting Commissioner.

Hon. WILLIAM F. VILAS,
Secretary of the Interior.